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CONTINUED ROAD CONSTRUCTION
LAOS/NORTH VIETNAM BORDER AREA
1712N 10609E
(SEE NPIC BRIEFING BOARD K-7262 FOR COMPARISON)

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS CONTINUING CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY ON A NEW ROAD EXTENDING NORTHEAST FROM LAOS ROUTE 911 TOWARD THE NORTH VIETNAM BORDER.

2. BACKGROUND:

ROUTE 911, A PORTION OF THE PL/PAVN ROAD NETWORK IN THE LAOTIAN PANHANDLE, IS AN IMPORTANT ROUTE FOR THE TRANSPORTING OF TROOPS AND SUPPLIES SOUTH TO THE VIET CONG IN SOUTH VIETNAM, AND FOR SUPPORT OF PL/PAVN FORCES IN SOUTH CENTRAL LAOS. THE NEW ROAD UNDER CONSTRUCTION FROM ROUTE 911 EXTENDS GENERALLY NORTHEAST TOWARD THE NORTH VIETNAM BORDER, INDICATING THAT, IF CONTINUED ACROSS THE BORDER, THIS ROAD COULD BECOME ANOTHER SUPPLY ARTERY FOR COMMUNIST OPERATIONS IN THE SOUTH.

3. REMARKS:

TROJAN HORSE REVEALED A WELL-USED TRAIL ALONG THE ALIGNMENT OF THE NEW ROAD AS FAR AS BAN KA TOK AT 1706N 10603E (UTM XD117922). TROJAN HORSE REVEALED THAT CLEARING OPERATIONS FOR THE ROAD HAD JUST BEGUN ON THE TRAIL. PHOTOGRAPHY OF TROJAN HORSE REVEALED

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A NEW ROAD UNDER CONSTRUCTION BRANCHING OFF ROUTE 911 AT BAN LOUM POUM, LAOS (1703N 10557E). THE ROAD EXTENDED GENERALLY NORTHEAST AND NORTH THROUGH KARST HILL TOPOGRAPHY TO ITS TERMINUS AT 1711N 10605E (UTM XE152010) APPROXIMATELY EIGHT NM FROM THE SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER.

4. MISSION READOUT:

REVEALS CONTINUED

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ROAD CONSTRUCTION ON THE NEW ROAD, EXTENDING FROM LAOS ROUTE 911 NORTHEAST TOWARD THE NORTH VIETNAM BORDER. THE NEW ROAD NOW EXTENDS GENERALLY NORTH FROM ITS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TERMINUS AT 1712N 10609E (UTM XE231021), ACROSS THE NAM TA LE (STREAM) BY MEANS OF A NATURAL CAUSEWAY/FORD (UTILIZING A ROCK OUTCROP), AND FOLLOWS THE CONTOUR OF THE KARST TOPOGRAPHY TO THE END OF PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE AT 1713N 10608E (UTM XE211044). TRELLISES ARE OBSERVED TO HAVE BEEN ERECTED OVER THE ROAD FROM UTM XE180010 TO UTM XE200000; AND FROM UTM XE227015, THROUGH UTM XE216023, TO UTM XE230021. BAMBOO MATTING AND/OR VEGETATION HAS BEEN PLACED ON SEGMENTS OF THE TRELLIS FRAMEWORK IN AN ATTEMPT AT CAMOUFLAGE.



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